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Proposed Assignment of ORG Personnel [redacted] to Assist in the Economic Interrogation of [redacted]

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1. ORG has recently had occasion to submit detailed high-level economic requirements to [redacted] intelligence organization, through Mr. Armstrong's office, for the exploitation of two specific [redacted] presently available [redacted]. In reply, it was stated that interrogators available in [redacted] intelligence organization are not qualified to interrogate on such economic matters but are responsible for only political and sociological interrogations.

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2. It was further indicated that Army interrogators [redacted] are generally regarded as responsible for economic interrogation. However, perusal of the economic reports resulting from such interrogations by Army field personnel indicates that they are interested in strictly military aspects of the Soviet economy and are not qualified to interrogate on general industrial production and other high-level economic matters which are of interest to CIA.

3. Under such circumstances, it seems that ORG's economic requirements in this matter cannot be properly acted upon unless ORG itself furnishes a high-level interrogator who is thoroughly familiar with the Soviet economy and has conversational fluency in the Russian language.

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4. ORG has such an individual presently available for assignment to [redacted] for a period of six months for this purpose, namely [redacted] of the Economics Branch, D/EE. ORG proposes that you consider the possibility of accrediting [redacted] to CSC for detail to your central field office [redacted] where [redacted] are handled. Such an assignment would naturally involve the use of your communication facilities for transmitting ORG's requirements to [redacted] and for receiving his answers, by electrical means if necessary.

5. I believe that this proposal is quite in line with the intent of NSCID #13, which allocates to [redacted]

the responsibility for coordinating and centralizing all aspects of handling and exploiting [redacted] abroad.

6. I should be very pleased to have your comments on this proposal at your earliest convenience. I shall withhold further action on this matter pending your reply.

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